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NOTE AND COMMENT

In another part of this issue a subject is dealt with by a special correspondent, writing from Southern Alberta, which is of vital interest to the whole of this province, and which was referred to at length in this department of the paper two weeks ago. The Saturday News has always maintained that Alberta's great hope lay in the development of its trade to the west and the trend of events is now confirming the opinions which it has expressed. The Pacific now opens the way to the Orient. It is even possible to reach Europe economically by a trip through the Suez or around Cape Horn. In a few years, when the Panama canal is completed, it is certain that no more Alberta grain will go to Liverpool via Fort William. But this is not all. Our own continent offers great opportunities to those who turn their attention to the Pacific. An article which appeared this week in the Vancouver World, dealing with this phase of the question, is worth republishing in full. Says the World:

"The arrival of the steamer Lonsdale, yesterday morning, from Salina Cruz, with advice confirming the report of the Canadian Trade Commissioner, regarding the shortage of wheat in Mexico, serves to illustrate the opportunity for a larger trade development between the two countries provided the Mexican trade practices and customs of long credits and other factors can be satisfactorily adjusted. The possibility of an immense trade development with Vancouver have been long recognized and despite the fact of trade restrictions in the way of antiquated business methods and unsettled financial conditions in Mexico, at frequent intervals during the past few years, there has been a steady growth until full cargoes of lumber are the rule for the two Mexican liners. If a stream of wheat as large in proportion as the lumber shipments and as regular, there would be no cause to doubt the prediction that five years hence, with an immense business, which the food question alone would ensure of permanency.

"Wheat is worth \$1.75 at Salina Cruz and more than that at Mexico City. Cash wheat is realizing in the neighborhood of a dollar and nine cents a bushel at Minneapolis for Manitoba No. 1 red. It is claimed that if through the agency of the grain and exchange, wheat can be transported to Salina Cruz for 40 cents a bushel from any point west of Winnipeg. There is only to be no duty on wheat in Mexico; this winter, but it would cost 12 cents a bushel to transport it from Salina Cruz to Mexico City and more from Mexico City. The despatch which placed the requirements at 25,000,000 bushels was evidently based on misinformation. There would have to be a famine in the whole of Mexico to require such an amount and it is more than likely that 5,000,000 would adequately relieve the situation. If it became a question of cash payment for even this amount, to avert a calamity, the financial resources of the capital would be strained. Nevertheless, the possibility of wheat shipments coming to Vancouver, on sudden demand, without elevator space to take care of it, the question of providing tonnage and shipping facilities would be paramount one here.

"Shipping men state that, as we have contended, the necessary tonnage could be provided quickly and that there is enough steam tonnage on the coast available at the present time to transport it in bi-monthly trips, quite fast enough to save the Mexicans from starving. It would be a much easier matter to provide sea tonnage for the transportation of 5,000,000 bushels, during the winter, than it would be for the land transportation to deliver it here in the winter months. With \$2 wheat in sight in Mexico City, Canada's chance to cinch her trade relations with Mexico and secure an increase of the mail and steamship subsidies would be presented. If Kansas soft wheat, with a quality about the same as Ontario No. 2, is worth \$1.75 in Mexico City at the present moment, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta hard winter wheat would be worth at least fifteen cents more."

Before the Interstate Commerce

Commission of the United States the other day, an argument was made which is of decided interest to every one who has any occasion to travel. Two women, engaged in business which takes them to different parts of the country, made the plea that an upper berth in a sleeping car should cost only half what a lower one does. They claimed that no one ever took the former when the latter could be secured. There is no question about the fairness of some such an adjustment of charges, though the difference suggested is undoubtedly too great. An "upper" entails the greatest inconvenience in getting in and out, while before one has prepared himself to occupy it he has to go through a number of operations which would put some gymnasts and contortionists to shame.

Another matter which these enterprising ladies brought to the attention of the Commission was the burden of the tip system. The testimony of them on this point is as follows:

"In travelling in a Pullman car do you find it necessary to tip the porter?" asked Attorney Hamahan. "Is, if one expects to get any kind of service at all," answered Mrs. McNulty.

"How do you know?"

"On several occasions I did not have any change and when I failed to tip the porter I was obliged to carry my own baggage."

"How do you know about the service when you do not tip the porter until the end of the trip?" "I have learned by experience that the porter is impertinent, and will not give you the service you are entitled to unless you tip him. On long trips I always tip at the beginning as well as at the end of the trip." Asked for an instance of discrimination against one who had neglected to tip the porter, Mrs. McNulty related the following:

"Last September, when I was coming from San Francisco to Chicago, stopped off in Denver and was helped by a small baby in the next section called several times for the porter, and told him to leave my baggage and see what the woman wanted. He smiled, and said there was no money in it, and he paid no attention to her. I suppose she was unaccustomed to travelling and did not know how essential it is to tip the porter."

This is certainly no fairy story and the wonder is that the public has put up with such a state of affairs so long. The porters and others who look for tips are hardly to be blamed. It is evident that they look to the system for their livelihood. It is inconceivable that the companies will raise their wages and then allow them to give service to patrons according to the remuneration that the latter offer. In the end, therefore, a tip resolves into an extra tax. The general impression is that the public always pays quite enough for what it gets in the places where the tip evil is most prevalent, and yet it calmly endures these additional impositions. These two ladies are entitled to the thanks of a multitude of long-suffering ones for having brought the issue to the fore. On a public convenience, some regulation should be possible. Where an enterprise is of a purely private character, there is a great chance for the management to obtain a large increase of popularity and patronage by prohibiting its employees from soliciting tips, making the fact widely known, at the same time.

The following from a New York daily describes what has become so ordinary an occurrence that it attracts but little attention from newspaper readers.

"Fireman Frederick W. Diesdorff, driver for Deputy Chief Binns, was dragged nearly a block through West Eighty-eighth street last night, trying to stop an automobile that he saw run over and kill a woman. He did not let go of the car until most of his clothing had been torn off and then thought he might be able to see the number when he dropped. He fell in a dark place and could make out only part of the number. The car went on at top speed.

"The woman killed was Mrs. Caroline Mayer, wife of the janitor of the apartment house at 64 and 66 West Eighty-eighth street. Mrs. Mayer had set out to go to a fair at the

A New Link Between the Twin Cities

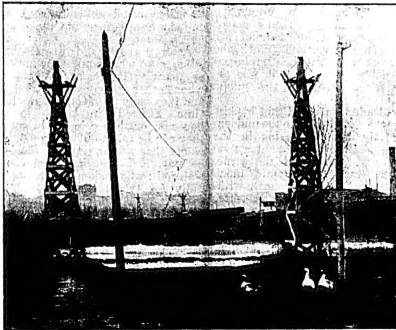


Photo by Burgess, Strathcona

The cable across the Saskatchewan by which telephone communication between Edmonton and Strathcona is maintained. A subscriber in one city may call up in the other without ringing up a central. The Edmonton power and lighting plant, to which an extensive addition is now being completed, is to be seen in the background. The view is from the Strathcona side.

Martha Memorial Lutheran Church at Fifty-second street and Ninth avenue. She was crossing from the east to the west side of Columbus avenue and had passed the middle of the street when a black automobile with a limousine body came north. Instead of following the traffic regulations and continuing to the north side of Eighty-eighth street before it turned west toward Amsterdam avenue the car turned in on the south side, with Mrs. Mayer on the crosswalk, directly in its path.

"Diesdorff stood at the corner and seeing Mrs. Mayer's peril called out to her. This only confused her and she didn't move. She was struck fairly by the car and fell motionless. The car didn't slacken speed a moment and Diesdorff ran after it. He caught a mudguard with one hand and then managed to swing up with the other until he grasped the knob on the door.

"At that the driver opened up the highest speed and the car jumped ahead with such a jolt that Diesdorff lost his hold on the door and went sprawling on the pavement, still hanging to the mudguard. He was dragged nearly to Amsterdam avenue, lost the skin of his legs and knees and his clothing was badly torn, and then concluded that he might as well drop. The car was seen going up Broadway.

"Two young girls, Helen Bond and Eunice Hamilton, of 72 West Eighty-eighth street, took their coats off and wrapped them around the dead woman, and soon afterward she was taken to her home. The Detective Bureau was notified, but there is little chance that the car will be found. It is said to have been going thirty-five miles an hour when it killed Mrs. Mayer."

A few weeks ago a very similar incident took place in Winnipeg, the offender being in that case the driver of a delivery rig. A young fellow was arrested on the charge of having caused the death of the young girl who was run down but he was acquitted, and there is little likelihood that the cowardly criminal will ever be punished.

In the larger centres street regulations have been made for the safety of pedestrians. But in spite of them, the toll of life and limb continues to be taken. In our part of the world we have more of a go-as-you-please system. Regulations are made but little effort is put forth to enforce them. Those who from choice or from necessity retain

the most primitive form of locomotion are constantly at the mercy of those who fear about the street behind horses or in an automobile. The humility of the man on foot is something to marvel at. Some one has to be killed or seriously injured by reckless driving before he will raise the faintest kind of a protest. In Edmonton, the splendid pavements that have been laid down with in the past year have exaggerated the evil. It is no infrequent thing to see an automobile going through a business street in the middle of the day at twenty five miles an hour. Even the most active men have to move rapidly at times to get out of its way. That women and children have not been run down and killed time and again is due to the purest good luck. The city's new chief of police will put citizens under a debt of gratitude if he sees to it without delay that the public is properly protected.

Collier's Weekly, after a careful survey of business conditions in the United States, advises those of its American readers who intend to build soon to do it now.

The facts on which this advice is based are: The ease with which money may be borrowed for such purpose, the comparatively low cost of material, and the reduced level of wages resulting from the depression that set in a year ago. The opportunity, Collier's says, may wait until spring but not much longer. The Springfield Republican, in reproducing Collier's opinion, expresses agreement therewith. There does not appear to be any reason the Republican says, for expecting that the cost of labor and material will go lower than at present. On the contrary, the Republican believes it not unlikely that cost in these lines may soon be back to the level prevailing before September, 1907.

The advice is good for Canada as well and so far as this part of the country is concerned, it is evident that all who are in a position to do so are taking advantage of it.

The little booklets of 25 local views with New Year greetings (tinselled, are selling fast at twenty five cents at Little's.

WHERE TWO CENTURIES MET

The change from the old to the new in Edmonton with the arrival of the C. & E. Railway.—Mr. Charles Lewis Shaw concludes his reminiscences.

—WHITTIER
The wave is breaking on the shore.—
The echo falling from the cliff.—
Again the shadow moweth o'er
The tidal place of time.

Down in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia you will occasionally meet some gentle, sweet-faced old lady who sits upright in her chair and weaves fingerless lace mittens, some dignified, venerable gentleman of the old school who is an authority on the evacuation of New York by the Tories, among whom was his grandfather, who still believes that the Confederation of the Provinces into the Dominion was a mistake and represents the Canadianizing of his world by the sea. In Edmonton, at St. Albert and at Fort Saskatchewan there are men, and women too, who in recalling the incidents of life of other days will express a very regretful longing for the pleasures of the times before the old order changed to the new—before the railroad came.

The real point of cleavage, the dividing line between the old order and the new was the coming to the Saskatchewan of the Calgary and Edmonton railways.

The arrival of a railway had been looked forward to by the majority of Edmontonians in the early days as THE event which would transform business and social conditions and create a situation of prosperity and comfort that years of expectation had exaggerated into affluence and luxury. The expectation of a railway had inspired the first migration of the Canadian element of Edmonton's early population to the valley of the Saskatchewan and the years of weary waiting, the hope deferred that maketh the heart sick, had, however, increased with the disappointment of the passing years.

The railway came—and Edmonton experienced for a year or two hard times almost equal to the trying depression that preceded the Kiel Rebellion of 1885. The old and new order did not readily assimilate. The revolution in transportation was disorganizing, and it took time for adjustment.

A large amount of the money current in Edmonton during the late eighties of last century was obtained for "freighting" from Calgary. The railway practically put an end to that source of supply.

A man has to have lived under the old order to appreciate and not smile at the contention of the old-timer of the oldest school that railways ruin a country. The old-timer was, it may be, unfitted and too untrained to be able to successfully follow the current of business through the new channels created by a railway.

It was with the building of the Calgary and Edmonton railway that the recession of the old order began and few of us that saw the passing realized its importance, its lessons and the privileges it gave.

The Hudson's Bay Company was still the chief commercial and social factor of Edmonton. The point of view of its officers and the "retainers" was still almost dominant in regard to business and newcomers. And throughout every relation of life there were many of the customs, opinions and even tricks of speech of the days when Sir George Simpson was Governor of half a continent, or when the Georges sat on the British throne.

One would be almost startled sometimes when seated before the vacant fire place of some home of the Lower settlement to hear chanted by some mother rocking her baby to sleep a quaint old song, the air of which had solaced Frasers and Sinclairs in other days mid the wind tossed waves of the Hebrides, or hear from the strings of Larry Gurneau's violin the plaintive notes of Marie Stuart's Farewell to France. When one could distinguish mid the melody of Gaelic, Creole, French and English words of some quaint song

of the Athabasca the air and sentiment of a Jacobite war song brought to the loneliness of the Great Lone Land almost a century before by the refugee followers of Gallant Prince Charlie of the Forty Five it was not hard to realize how close you were to the men and ideas of another century.

Even to-day if the intonation of voice, the phrase of speech and the almost obsolete words of many of the English-speaking natives of the Saskatchewan beyond middle age are carefully noted you will detect much that will recall nights you spent with a volume of Smollett, Fielding or Scott in your hand.

The Edmontonian of the eighties of last century on the fringe of the civilized world was given a glimpse of some phases of the eighteenth century that isolation had preserved.

It is questionable whether English or Scotch castles during the last century have ever wielded a wider influence than that exercised by "The Big House of Edmonton," or whether British peer had farther reaching authority than Richard Hardisty, Chief Factor of a region as large as a European kingdom. The new order came, but it could not, it never could, in pursuance of Nature's law that in so far as we gain we lose something, absorb the savor, the spirit, the gentle point of view that pervaded the old order as the scent of lavender pervades the bureaus and dresses of our great grand parents.

To men like Thomas Anderson, Richard Hardisty, Bishop Grandin and others is due much of the retention of an old world courtesy and a somewhat ceremonious politeness in the social life of Edmonton when Toronto and Winnipeg were "smart" and "new." Even now when "Timber Tom" bends his handsome old head and in dignified tone says "Mistress ——" do you not seem waited back about a hundred years or so and are surprised not to find big silver buckles on his shoes and a rapier at his side?

The quasi-patriarchal, quasi-feudal system of the Hudson's Bay Company was still existent in Edmonton at a time when English noblemen's wives had to cajole their tenants for the necessary votes to elect a younger son, when a Scottish lord would be censured by a local Presbytery.

There was a little of the "grand manner" in Hudson Bay magnate and clerical dignity. To see Chief Factor Hardisty receive a deputation of citizens or listen to the grievances of a number of Indian chiefs in the Fort was something that recalled old baronial days. That assimilation of dignified familiarity and conscious power passed with the old order.

While Edmonton of the early days was essentially the last of the Hudson Bay towns still there was with the incoming of Canadians, with the development of Western Canada, with the consequent opportunities for real estate speculation at a point so obviously a probable metropolitan centre, and the unrest that preceded its awakening something at least of the elements of "the wild and woolly west" in the very early eighties.

Outside the Hudson Bay Reserve the titles to the land upon which Edmonton now stands were somewhat uncertain and were largely of the nature of squatter's rights. Under these circumstances there was verified the mistaken assumption that possession was nine points of the law. And old-timers will tell of the time when the village armed itself and at the point of the rifle took possession of claim-jumper's shacks in the village and drawing them to the cliff hurled them to atoms at the bottom.

It is too recent to speak of the later episode when Edmonton objected to the removal of its land upon which Strathcona; but these incidents show that the reckless courage of the frontiersmen burned as fiercely in Edmonton as in any frontier settlement of the border states of the American Union, but was held in restraint by the influence of the honesty and dignity of the men who had authority.

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SHIPPING WHEAT WEST.

In an editorial in the Calgary Daily News of December 17 re shipping wheat West there is much that is very interesting to many residents of Alberta, but it has escaped observation lately that moves in that direction has been tried before by a few that did not meet with much encouragement.

In May 1906 the first convention of the Alberta Farmers' Association met in Calgary, when the question was more or less discussed, and it was through representation made then, and later when the grain commission rat in Alberta, by representatives of the A.F.A. that a grain inspector was placed in Calgary with a view to fostering trade with the West. The matter at that time did not, however, interest the public. Still Mr. D. W. Warner, the then president of the A.F.A., went to British Columbia and visited many points in B.C., looking for a market for grain, and, later, the Department of Agriculture at Edmonton published a list of 150 buyers or possible buyers of oats from information gathered by Mr. Warner.

In May, 1907, another A.F.A. director went to Vancouver and went into the subject of wheat with Vancouver business men, and the letter, a copy of which I enclose, and which was received on December 12th, 1908, or nearly two years later, shows that though though g has so far been done the leaven is working. The principal difficulty so far has been the freight rates, and, as you know, the lack of elevator facilities. This latter point was recognized early in the day by the A.F.A. which has repeatedly urged the opening of a Dominion or Provincial Government elevator at Vancouver; but the agitation from the business world never gathered way so the subject did not become sufficiently warm to arouse any interest outside the ranks of the A.F.A.

Now that the business world is beginning to look the same way as the farmer it may be possible that something may accrue, and that Alberta, and especially Southern Alberta grain, may go in some degree to one of the natural outlets, the nearest point on an open sea to where it is grown. The North will soon be in a position to do as it likes, ship East or West.

A MATTER OF RATES

This opening up of Western trade is purely a question of freight rates. At present it costs 40 cents per 100 lbs to ship wheat from one point near the boundary to Vancouver, and only 30 cents per 100 lbs to Fort William. Milling and cost of grain from Macleod, and south of there can be sent to points in B.C. via Coutts and by the Great Northern for the same price as by the C.P.R. Crow's Nest line, although it is a longer haul, i.e., to points at which both roads touch. At points where both roads do not touch it is another story.

All we require to open up a western trade is railroad facilities and better rates, then our produce can go by sailing ship, or otherwise, direct to Britain, and to the Orient, whither most of our southern flour is now going in spite of not too much encouragement.

Other items attract our attention such as grain sacks, which can be landed in Vancouver very cheaply, and, were it not for the freight rates from Vancouver to Alberta, could be landed here cheaper than they are now. Of course we may be told that patriotism dictates that we should deal exclusively with the east and pay for our long hauls, but, we ourselves, might like a voice in the matter sooner or later.

Not long ago it was amusing to read the discussions in our papers re the rates in force from Vancouver East and Winnipeg West. Nothing was to have the advantage over the other and it is a question if either is satisfied now, but the consumers in the middle, viz., in Alberta or Saskatchewan, were never considered, for they were the cake that was to be carved up at will by those on the outside.

ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS MUST COME DOWN

Mr. Editor, Alberta can never come to her proper place as long as she is the victim of outside interests, or artificial barriers are put up against her to trade in different directions which are her legitimate markets. The farmers were awake before the business men, but now the latter are moving something may happen, and the first means must be to egress to the south, for the north is being provided for.

Rates will have to be readjusted and the flow of trade made easier. We pay too much for our bare living in the province and many things that could come into Alberta, via Vancouver could be a deal cheaper, if trade with that place, our nearest point in a seaboard, was not blocked.

The highest freight rates in Canada, outside of the mountain, are paid by Saskatchewan and Alberta residents between the western border of Manitoba and the Rockies, and, just so long as much of our earnings and produce go into rates for hauling our wares to and fro, just so long shall we develop slowly and have to do without many things that those who live under more felicitous conditions have as a matter of course. The opening up of the southern country, if it was opened up as we hope it will be, would astonish people who do not, in the least, comprehend its resources, but, at present, we are hemmed in. You try and break out west there will be a howl from points east, but, as our power of production is immense, there will be trade in all directions, sufficient for all if our means of ingress and egress are such that they will admit of our development.

USING A FIELD GLASS

Instead of trusting to our natural eyesight when hunting wild game we use a field glass, and the longer the range of that glass the better the chance of our success. Had we not better be using a long range telescope as to our future and be up and doing, looking to our own expansion and commerce and not leaving the thinking or mode of explanation to those who have purely selfish interests to serve.

It is said Providence takes care of those who take care of themselves. In the evidence given before the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization at Ottawa, in the summer of 1906, you will find the matter of shipping grain west was brought up strongly by Mr. Joshua Fletcher, now president of the A.F.A. This was at the time the application was made for the standardization of Alberta winter wheat and the name of Alberta Red was granted us with our grades. The papers read at this sitting of the Standing Committee summed up the wheat situation as it was then, and is now, and predictions made then are coming true.

The farmers, who are usually looked upon as dullards, are now nearly three years ago, more than three years ahead of the business men of Alberta in length of vision, but, unfortunately, the farmers and business men are supposed to be two opposite camps though the whole of our business and present prosperity may be said to be dependent upon the welfare of the farmer. When we become wide enough awake to look a field further, after our own interests, then shall we progress as we ought.

It is difficult to understand why we in Alberta should be content to allow the placing of the blocks in our way that have been placed. Is it always the case, or is it to be the case for many years to come, that Alberta and Saskatchewan are to pay more for most things they use than any other provinces in the Dominion, simply because the powers that have matters under control direct in which avenues of trade shall be whether it be to the advantage of the inhabitant or farmer in Alberta and Saskatchewan or not.

We have seen penny postage fought tooth and nail, we see stiff opposition put up against any direct changes yet lower rates for postage increased the volume of business and general post offices made money. We now see some master minds fighting for lower cable rates, and at present rates, those ocean cables are as useless to an inhabitant of Alberta as a wooden gird.

MAN'S CONSERVATISM

Professor Draper in his "Intellectual Development of Europe," written many years ago, said that man is naturally conservative, i.e., a large majority is so, and any rapid change always meets severe opposition. Hence in the middle ages, when methods were primitive, those who advocated progressive ideas were either made to recant, or, as the public school boy would say, "Shut up." A man too progressive was forced to deny his own knowledge or rid of the body. In this material age vested interests control us and if we wish to break out in new places we may be dubbed socialists or anarchists, and of the latter variety has the A.F.A. been characterized in some places because it sought light.

However, it is a waste of time and nervous force to be pouring over "what they say" about us, the idea is to go ahead or go backwards for Nature never allows us in this world to stay "put," we are either going forward or backward and if not one then the other.

The questions to be settled if some of our grain is to go to Vancouver and find an outlet that way, are rates from Alberta to the coast, the routes to be traversed, elevator facilities on the coast and cost of transport from Pacific coast points to the British or British Isles. We should avoid the position, if possible, of the farmers of the '80's in the Middle

States' who found it cheaper to burn their corn for fuel in hard winters than to buy coal or wood. Why should it cost 40 cents per 100 lbs to haul wheat to Vancouver when the hauling can be done to Fort William, a much greater distance, for 30 cents. Of course we know the mountain route is expensive, but, if it paid the G.N.R. to move Pacific Coast lumber east at a reasonable rate and haul back cotton grown in the eastern southern states to Spokane or Seattle, surely it might pay that road, if it had the opportunity, or any other road, to haul Alberta wheat 600 miles to the Pacific.

Will some kind friend say why the Alberta farmer should not trade with whom he wants in every direction? If this liberty was destined to destroy existing means of communication or depreciate the property of hauling companies, that were first on the ground, we might hesitate, but there will be work for all, and more in the next few years than present companies can handle. The life and death of the Alberta farming industry depends upon the outlets for produce, and if a hand is voluntarily held out from Vancouver to the Southern Alberta farmer surely it is to his interest to hold out his paw and say "shake" brother, "shake."

SPITTAH.

Part of the letter from Vancouver, referred to above, reads as follows: "There is a strong agitation now in the city for an elevator to be built and for wheat to be shipped from your part of Canada to Vancouver, and thence by steamer or sailing ship to England. The matter is being taken up energetically by the Board of Trade here, and should you so desire, I shall be pleased to send you reports of the different meetings."

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

An enterprise of no little significance has been launched in New York, the establishment of a theatre, the object of which will not be money-making but the improvement of standards of dramatic art. Two of the speeches made at the laying of the cornerstone of the playhouse, which is to be known as the New Theatre, indicate what is being aimed at. Part of Mayor McClellan's speech was as follows:

"It is unfair to assume that the public will refuse to support the higher drama until it has at least had the opportunity of doing so. Nearly forty years ago three men, William G. Prime, Henry G. Marquand and John Taylor Johnston, without hope of profit or reward, organized the first essentially artistic institution in this city, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Since then it has become the chief force in the United States in education in the plastic arts. The Metropolitan Opera House was built by private enterprise and has helped to make New York the musical centre of our country."

"The third step in our artistic development has been taken by the organization of this theatre, the purpose of whose organizers is to present to the public the higher drama. There is no theatre of the kind in the world that exists without Government subsidy. There is certainly none either with or without subsidy in England or America. As the great majority of our people have not the educational advantage of being able to visit the Francaise or the Hoftheater in Berlin or Vienna, and if they did, with a one language equipment, would be unable to understand, this theatre has been created for the purpose of giving them that advantage. Its creators have shown a most worthy public spirit. They neither ask financial return nor do they hope for it. In fact, they expect to meet an annual deficit in the cause of art and education. I feel that the least I can do is to express to them the thanks and the appreciation of the public and to assure them that as the founders of the Metropolitan Museum and of the opera are remembered, so will they be remembered as public benefactors who have served the city well."

President Finley of the City College spoke of the struggle between the prayer house and the play house. It had been, he said, a long and senseless one, because it had not been possible to make men see the value of prayer and play were but variant expressions of the same divine aspiration in men. "Socrates," he added, "was sitting in the theatre one day when an actor came to the front of the stage and spoke with all the prestige of the theatre something that was false, immoral, whereupon the philosopher rose from his seat and stamped his way out. I have taken Socrates and my reluctant ancestors to plays here in New York which they have not let me sit through. In this New Theatre I hope a permanent seat will be reserved for Socrates and that he will never miss a performance or quit one."

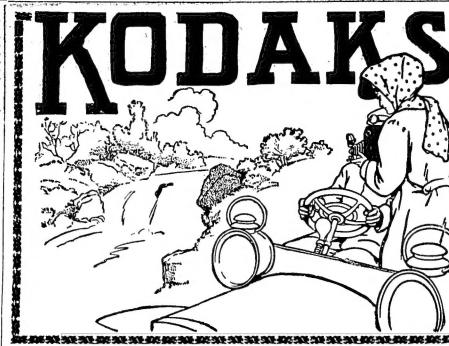
"President Roosevelt and Gov. Hughes both sent letters expressing their sympathy with the aims of the new institution. Richard Watson Gilder read a poem entitled 'Shakespeare's New Home.'"

It is understood that the honor of being the first to appear in the New Theatre will be accorded to Mr. E. A. Sothern and Miss Julia Marlowe, a choice which thousands of the admirers of the art of this gifted pair, will heartily applaud.

At the Edmonton Opera House the Stoddart Stock Company has been playing to well-pleased audiences all last week and this. The best offering of their engagement up to the present has been "The Man of the Hour," with which they concluded the first week. The story is one of American civic politics and tells of the struggle of honest ambition with the forces of graft. Mr. Stewart, a young mayor, scored a distinct success. On Monday and Tuesday the much discussed play "The Devil" was given. It has already been seen in Edmonton and it is unnecessary to add anything further to what has already been said in this column as to its character. The wisdom of putting such plays before the public, even when the work is in the hands of the most finished artists in the dramatic world, is extremely doubtful. Certainly a stock company, even though it be a good one, should not attempt them.

On Wednesday and Thursday the Stoddart Stock Company changed their bill to a more wholesome and more enjoyable play, Bronson Howard's "The Young Mrs. Winthrop," in which Fredrick Clarke, Jeanne Russell and Carl Caldwell last summer did such excellent work.

At the Dominion, the Allen Stock Company continues to draw large crowds, a remarkable standard being maintained in the wide variety of plays that are presented. Last week in "Other People's Money," one of the best farces ever written, they provided a genuinely humorous pro-



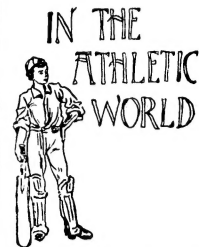
duction. For the first of this week the play was one with the melodramatic title of "Shall we Forgive Her." The caption should be changed as it belies the play itself. The story is one of the striving of a woman to follow, amidst many discouragements, the best promptings of her nature. She triumphs and, as wife and mother, maintains the place, which after breasting all the blows of circumstance, she has won. The role gave Miss Felton an excellent opportunity of which she took full advantage.

For the last three nights of the week a bright comedy "All Due to Diana" is promised.

That the good work being done by the Alberta Musical Festival Committee is having results is evident from the following letter in the last issue of the Camrose Mail:

"To the Editor of the Mail.
"Dear Sir,—It seems to me that Camrose should be able to boast of a musical society of some sort. The Alberta Musical Festival will be holding forth a few months from now, and as Camrose is ambitious in many other ways, I would like to suggest that the music loving people of the town make some move in the direction of a Choral society and by this means spend many a

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This column is being prepared in advance of the second match for the Stanley Cup on Wednesday night, the holiday making it necessary to publish a day earlier than usual. But already hope has practically departed that the championship trophy will come west. It's no use going over the points of Monday's game. The contest was ancient history an hour after the news of the final score arrived and there has been very little discussion since. With Phillips unable to play for a month and McNamara, who it seems, showed up much better than those who saw him play in Edmonton thought he would be injured, the septette doesn't look anything like as strong on Wednesday as on Monday. Deaton and Miller will take their places.

At the end of the first half on Monday, Edmonton had the advantage by 3-2, but five goals to nothing in the second in favor of the Wanderers could indicate only one thing, even granting that the visitors had a considerable measure of hard luck, poor condition, Vair, who was not expected to figure on the line-up when the team left Edmonton, seems, according to the telegraphed reports, to have been about the most effective man on the forward line.

General comment on the enterprise and its result is best held over till the result is finally decided.

As the paper goes to press, there is just time to add that Edmonton won Wednesday's game by 7-6, but thus lost the series by three goals.

The big event of the past week has, of course, outside the Stanley Cup games, been the defeat of Canada's record champion pugilist, Tommy Burns by Jack Johnson, the negro. Thirteen rounds were sufficient. On the face of things, the result is not surprising. Johnson was twenty-five pounds heavier and five inches taller. That means a big advantage for science to overcome. All over Canada, regret is keenly particularly among the thirty thousand odd sports, who used to play lacrosse with Tommy when he was chunky little Noah Brusso.

Another Canadian athletic hero whose name differs but slightly from

that of the pugilist, Art Burn of Calgary is, it seems, also a "has-been." Mecklenburg, who ran second to him a year ago, won the Herald road race in Calgary on Christmas Day in 36 min. 48 1-2 seconds. The distance is 6 1-3 miles and a dust-storm was raging. Fitzgerald of Edmonton was nineteen seconds behind. Burn, who had returned from the East but a few days before, where he has been since coming back to Canada from the Olympic games, was completely out of it.

In view of the coming meeting of Longboat and Shrubbs, some facts regarding their respective records are of decided interest.

Shrubbs has been regarded as the greatest runner in the world from one up to ten miles, but the Marathon distance will be purely an experiment for him. He said recently that it was like starting a hundred yard man in a race at a mile; that such a runner would probably lead for at least half the distance, after which he might be out-gained. But Shrubbs expressed confidence in his ability to go the route with proper training and seemed well satisfied with the arrangements made. Shrubbs has been training steadily with the idea of meeting Longboat, and a few days ago, it is said, he ran twelve miles in one hour and twenty minutes. It is estimated that the Englishman is at least five minutes faster than Longboat and Dorando up to ten miles, and it is a fact that he has run fifteen miles in eight minutes faster than the best performance of either. At five, ten and fifteen miles Shrubbs is regarded as invincible, so that his remarkable speed at these distances may give him enough of an advantage in the race with Longboat to win out.

An Englishman and Scotchman chanced to meet at a foot ball match, the Englishman, contrary to tradition, possessing the "bottle."

A few minutes after the game had started a good run was made by one of the visiting forwards.
"Good run!" said the Scotchman.
"Fine," said the Englishman, and applied his lips to the bottle, ignoring Sandy's thirsty glance.
Later on a goal was scored.
"Grand," said the Englishman, and took another draught out of the bottle.
Still he did not offer to treat his neighbor.
"I see you're a bit of a fitba player yourself," said Sandy.
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The man who hasn't the gift of foresight finds it hard to believe that this hinterland of ours, now containing but a handful of people, who can be communicated with only with the greatest difficulty, can ever become what the country south of the Saskatchewan now is. A few weeks ago a mail carrier started out from Edmonton for points on the Mackenzie river. The trip is made each winter and takes several months, only the most primitive means of travel being available after the Hudson's Bay boats have stopped for the season.

Do we realize that thirty years ago, Edmonton stood in practically the same relation to the outside world as Fort Providence does now. A story recently told by the Kanaak Times brings this home to us. The first mail route to Edmonton was established in August, 1876.

"The man responsible to the government for the delivery of the mail," says the Times, "was James McKay, who was well known around Fort Garry in those days, and resided at Silver Heights. The method of delivery during the winter months was by relays of dog teams. There were busy men and hard-worked dogs all along through what was then termed the Great Lone Land. Organizing this route was not an easy task, and the delivery of mails was still a harder one. Sometimes the drivers would get pitched in a storm and find it difficult to make a bluff for a night camp; in summer swollen rivers would be a barrier; in the fall prairie fires would clean up the country so that there would be no food for horses. But the mail drivers were trusted men whose ambition was to get 'in' on time, which they invariably did. After leaving Silver Heights they would bid good-bye to civilization, with the exception, perhaps, of White Horse Plains and Portage la Prairie. At night the camp was made, wood had to be gathered, snow shovelled away to make down the bed, blankets baked; dogs fed, moosekins repaired and socks changed; then for smoke and chat before the fire and then to bed. These mail drivers slept among the storm-swept bluffs, on that long and lonely trail, far along the southern limit of the true forests, during the winter seasons.

"It might well be made history, how these men distributed our respected sovereign's mail along the frontier of this great country in winter; at night with their dogs snuggling around them always conscious of the waking cold, but they were only helping to pave the way for what is here now—thousands of settlers with their happy homes and the railway with its splendid equipment."

No wonder the future is discounted in a country where a few years bring about such changes.

Before Canadian Clubs and other organizations in the East, Mr. R. E. Young continues to tell of the possibilities of "our fertile north land." At Montreal the other day he showed fine samples of wheat grown nine hundred miles north of the International boundary line. With everything that went to bring about material development the country that so many people regarded as so much ice and snow was well supplied. "It is a wonder," Mr. Young concluded, "that many thoughtful Canadians feel apprehensive, not as to our material development, but rather whether the Canadian people can be trusted to carry out to its full conclusion the magnificent destiny that God Almighty has placed in our hands?"

The G.T.P. bridge at the Battle River has been completed and that at Clover Bar soon will be. With the open winter that we are having, and the complete preparations made in the autumn for the laying of steel, there are those who believe

that we may see G.T.P. trains in Edmonton by March. Certainly they will be here by early summer. When one walks out to the Clover Bar bridge and sees the magic words "Grand Trunk Pacific" on the construction cars, it is not strange that he feels a sudden thrill. Railway-building is in one sense a prosaic occupation, but the arrival of a new line under certain conditions makes a very strong appeal to the emotions.

The coming of the G.T.P. must not make us forget that other line which it follows closely through a large stretch of territory from Winnipeg, which will be known as the C.P.R.'s Edmonton route. On Nov. 10 the first engine passed over the new C.P.R. bridge at the Battle River, just beyond Hardisty. Between this point and Wilkie, a distance of 135 miles, steel will be laid early in 1909 and there is every reason to believe that when we can take a G.T.P. train to Winnipeg, we shall also have the opportunity of availing ourselves of one which makes just as fast time over the rival line.

The report that has been current during the past week that the C.N.R. would take over the Calgary and Edmonton line is laughed at by C.P.R. officials. It has been understood for some time past that the C.P.R. had secured complete control of C. and E. stock after considerable trouble with the English bondholders. In view of the importance of the link which the line will constitute in relation to western trade, it is incredible that the C.P.R. would make such a move.

The Edmonton city hospital board have come to the conclusion that the work of erecting the new building must not be delayed any longer. A great influx of population is certain within the next year or so and there is no question that the present facilities will be taxed beyond their capacity. The financial proposition may be briefly stated. The plans, which were prepared some time ago, provide for a main building and two wings, with total accommodation for three hundred patients. The main building alone would allow one hundred patients at a time and it is this which it is now proposed to proceed with at an estimated cost of \$150,000. The city has granted \$50,000. The present property, it is believed, can be disposed of, for \$40,000, leaving \$60,000 to be raised by private subscription. If not deemed advisable to sell just now, \$100,000 will have to be raised. A canvassing committee has been appointed, of which Mr. G. H. Adams of the Board of Trade will act as secretary. It will get to work early in 1909, so look out!

There is no public enterprise which should make a stronger appeal to citizens. It is to be hoped that the committee in its work will restrict itself to placing the claims of the institution clearly before the citizens and urging those who feel themselves financially able to come to its support. The great majority of people have all they can do meeting private demands upon their purses and it would be a real hardship to them if pressure, such as we know often is exerted, were brought to bear upon them to make a contribution to the hospital which they could not afford. There are, however, many scores of citizens who have profited sufficiently out of the growth of the city to make a liberal response to the committee's call and from them it should not be difficult to raise enough money to commence work in the spring.

As to the present hospital site, the suggestion that has been already made in the Saturday News, that the city should take over the property and convert it into an east-end park, should be acted upon. It would be a crying shame if the opportunity were lost. A great boon would be conferred on posterity and the realization of the hospital board's plan made so much easier.

The snow storm at the first of the week put the electric railway out of business all day Tuesday. Certainly, better storm-fighting equipment must be obtained. We are bound to have two or three such experiences in an average winter, though Sunny Alberta does maintain its usual tradition for the greater part of the time. As it is on such days as Tuesday that the street cars are most useful, a very real hardship is imposed by the tie-up of the system. However, there was very little disposition to criticize. It is recognized that the authorities have accomplished a great deal in a short space of time and that they have been working under no small difficulties. With more power, the additional cars that have been ordered, and with full provision made for emergencies, there should be little reason to complain.

Despite the fact that only a three-quarter hour service has been available, the interurban traffic has proven a great boon and is being heartily appreciated by the people on both sides of the river. A good deal of talk has been heard about local business in the Strathcona merchants have sustained. Any such change is bound to bring about some temporary hardship, but, taking a long look ahead, there is no doubt about the system's being a good thing for both cities. The following from the Strathcona Plaindealer, does that paper the greatest credit. Such spirit is bound to grow and build up a Greater Edmonton, which will bring good fortune to everyone within and near its confines. The Plaindealer says:

"The Morning Journal heads a paragraph 'Strathcona Does Not Like Street Railway', and proceeds to tell how Strathcona people are making a howl about the street cars taking trade to Edmonton. There may be here and there a man who looks a little of the trade, but the Plaindealer believes it is voicing the sentiment of the great majority when it declares that the people are well pleased with having the service and will be better pleased when it is more frequent."

"Undoubtedly more of Strathcona's Christmas trade is going to Edmonton than would be if Edmonton without the street car service and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that the service began just at this particular time, but we have to get used to the situation and the sooner the better. We do not doubt that the street cars will be a permanent advantage to the people of people who will come to reside here."

"Imagine how dull and dead this town would be without cars when the snow comes in and the street car service is running to the Great Estate, to Westgrove, Norwood and other suburbs of Edmonton. Strathcona would lose to those suburbs every man who now resides here and works in Edmonton, and as that city grows it would be along the car lines. People will not walk up and down a 200-foot hill if they can get off or buy as cheap property on the high level on a street car line. The interurban car service eliminates grades and distance as far as a wage earner or business man is concerned."

"Strathcona has the electric railway and she wants to keep it. She can stand the competition and will be the better off in the long run. Improve the service."

The forecast that the packing plant erected by the Griffin Company to the east of the city, would prove a source of the greatest direct and indirect industrial strength is being realized. Already two hundred men are employed, no small number in a country where day-labors are not very large as yet, and it is expected, with the constant expansion that is going on, that this will very soon be increased to five hundred. The building itself is not a small one. You realize that when you leave the street car at Alberta avenue and glancing in the direction of the plant, assuming that it is about a ten minutes' walk distant. After a hard thirty-five or forty minutes' jog, you reach the entrance.

But already an addition has been planned, work on which will commence very shortly. It will be 89 by 75 feet and will be devoted to grinding and storing fertilizer, a large trade in which is to be worked up with Japan. Other subsidiary industries must follow and two or three years hence North Edmonton will be a hive of activity. Those who have seen the change which the establishment of packing centres has wrought at different points in the United States do not need to stretch their imagination to appreciate all that the Griffin plant means.

During the past week the representatives of the company at various

British Columbia points have been paying a visit to Edmonton. They are unanimous in their belief that the plant will work into the position of controlling practically the whole of the meat business of British Columbia, with a very large share of that of the Yukon. The opening up of the northern part of the province by the G.T.P. is bound to be responsible for great expansion.

Music and Drama.

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pleasant and educational evening which would probably culminate in a representation at the Festival.

"I would like to see some interest shown in this matter and correspondence exchanged."

Yours truly,
A Music Lover."

A Winnipeg paper announces that for the first time in Canada "The Walls of Jericho" will shortly be given in that city. Nonsense! Edmonton enjoys first-class production of that excellent play last summer. It is evident that cities to the east do not recognize that Edmonton leads the rest of the Dominion in dramatic matters. Down in Montreal and Toronto, the newspapers and the clergymen have been working up great excitement over "The Devil." The play was new one to the people of both cities. A half a year ago we saw it in the Alberta capital and again this week.

The New Empire Theatre opens on Monday next. Edmonton theatre-goers will be glad to learn that the policy of the Empire will be to furnish first class vaudeville of a high order. The theatre itself will be a credit to the city. The decorations and general color effect will lack that garish effect we sometimes associate with the vaudeville stage. Taste and judgment have been combined to bring about a result at once pleasing and restful to the eye—even the naked eye. The ceiling is done in greys old gold and white and frosted lights in harmony with the general scheme will perform their function without that generally unhappy glare so frequently associated with electricity; the walls are red paneled or a light drab background and the whole effect is quietly tasteful and artistic.

The seating capacity of the house is about 1000 and all seats, with the exception of a small "gods" are reversible. The seats themselves are real, thing of comfort. A special feature will be a six piece orchestra, led by Professor Charles Lagouregue. The best of music will be the order at the Empire.

The stage is up-to-date in every particular. It boasts a curtain with the counter weight system and control and the usual fire proof asbestos will always be on duty. The stage is connected with all parts of the house by a private system of telephones; and altogether Edmonton is to be congratulated on now possessing one of the best, most up-to-date theatres in the country.

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Where Two Centuries Met

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The atmosphere of St. Albert Mission, whose Bishop and the majority of whose priests were of the half-breed, the change from the old to the new caused a wrench in the business and social life of the Edmonton district and a consequent paralysis of business enterprise for a year or two.

Edmonton has found itself under the new modern conditions in an electric age, but in looking back to the time when I first knew the little settlement on the high bank of the North Saskatchewan over twenty years ago I question very much, with prosperity and growth in the future, will it owe more to its people than it did to the strong, high-minded men who controlled its life in its modern beginning, in the evolution of the old order to the new.

In laying aside these random reminiscences of an old-time I feel that however short my life may have been in "the city set upon a hill" and whatever any one's adventures were, those years spent when the old changed to the new on the edge of the world among kindly people will ever be the long and remembered period of a not uneventful life."

BORN.

Berry—At the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, Red Deer, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, the wife of R. E. Berry, a daughter.

Gaetz—At Red Deer, on Dec. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gaetz, a daughter.

Rea—On Sunday, Dec. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rea, Ninth Street, Edmonton, a son.

Little—On Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. J. Little, Edmonton, a son.

Coward—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Coward, Edmonton, a son.

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THE DEATH OF THE OLD YEAR.

Full knee-deep lies the winter: snow,
And the winter winds are wearily
sighing,
Toll ye the church-bell, sad and slow,
And tread softly and speak low.
For the Old Year lies a-dying.
Old Year, you must not die;
You came to us so readily,
You lived with us so steadily,
Old Year, you shall not go.

He lieth still; he doth not move;
He will not see the dawn of day,
He hath no other life above,
He gave a friend and a true, true
love.

And the New Year will take 'em
away.
Old Year, you must not go;
So long as you have been with us,
Such joy as you have seen with us,
Old Year, you must not go.

He frothed his humpers to the brim;
A jollier year we shall not see,
But tho' his eyes are waxing dim,
But tho' his foes speak ill of him,
He was a friend to me.

Old Year, you must not die;
We did so laugh and cry with you,
I've half a mind to die with you,
Old Year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,
But all his merry quips are o'er.
To see him die, across the waste
His son and heir doth ride post haste,
But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own,
The night is starry and cold, my
friend;
And the New Year, blithe and
bold, my friend,
Come up and takes his own.

How hard he breathes! over the snow
he heard just now the crowing cock.
The shadows flicker to and fro,
The cricket chirps; the lights burn
low;

'Tis nearly twelve o'clock,
Shake hands before you die,
Old Year, we'll dearly rue for you,
What is it we can do for you,
Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,
A hack! our friend is gone.
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin;
Step from the corpse, and let him in
That standeth there alone,
And waiteth at the door.

There's a new foot on the floor,
my friend,
And a new face at the door, my
friend,
A new face at the door,
—Tennyson.

—

The introduction to the first line I
ever wrote for an Edmonton public,
lies just above this: Tennyson's
beautiful apostrophe to the "Death
of the Old Year."

Out of hundreds of beautiful
verses, peculiarly appropriate to the
day, I chose it then, as I choose it
now, as the most exquisite example
of New Year verse ever penned.
For not only does it lay stress on
the "new foot at the door" which I
at that time particularly wished to
emphasize, but it lingers long and
lovingly on the departing one, and
old friends, Old Years, old songs
and most other old things are good
to look back upon, as I think we only
begin to appreciate when we have
commenced to push up a goodly
number of the new ones.

For old things have at least this
point in their favor, you know where
you've got them. "Tried and True"
the advertisements have it, which
isn't however, always the case; at
any rate though "tried and cat-
alogued" which amounts to much the
same thing.

Now when I came to Edmonton
the end of Dec. 1905, I didn't know
where, or by what means, I could lay
a finger on any one of you. New
earth, new sky, new faces, new
customs surrounded me on every
hand. What to say to you as I made
my little bow of introduction I
didn't for the life of me know, and
couldn't for any former experi-
ence, thank.

And then it struck me that per-
haps being a stranger in a strange
land, with only that other stranger
the New Year to introduce us, you
might of your warm Western
heartiness and hospitality "take us
both in."

Before me I see I wrote it just so:
"I come to you a stranger, and I
have doubt you will all very fre-
quently take me in, particularly
when I set out to discuss matters
that have especial reference to the
West. I am, in short, a female
lender-foot, with a great deal to
learn about the new country which
in time I hope to call home."

Well, you did just that—the "tak-
ing in" part I mean—some of the
very newest of you rambled on of
"old times" and "old-timers" which
I have since come to know "never
wasn't" at all anything like you
pictured.

You "took in" the new paper with
its new feature, a woman's page,
and incidentally "the new woman,"
who really wasn't a "new woman"
in the sense the phrase at present
means at all, at all, and some of you
liked us and some of you didn't

—but—except in one or two in-
stances you were none of you rude
to us, and most of you much more
better than we deserved or had
hoped for.

And so there can be more than one
kind of "take in" as I found out to
my gratification. The "take in"
that stands for all of kindness and
sympathy and hospitality—the sort
we experienced as we stood alone on
the threshold of the New Year and
you stretched forth your friendly
hands and drew us in and made us
one of you.

And now am I an "Old Timer"
with yet a fond and reminiscent
sympathy for anything that is "new
and lonely." So does my heart turn
back longingly on the Year just
past and yet stretch forth to the
New One, and the new face at the
door.

With the Old Year went a host of
foibles and faults, joys and griefs,
promises, disappointments, and
fulfillments. But then we grew old
along with them, which is much the
same as growing old with the
children of one's youth. It is a fine
thing to make a new friend; it is a
better thing to keep an old, a
friend that knows you through and
through, who loves you for the very
faults, that would turn the new ac-
quaintance away.

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"Town and Trail"

Some flattering press references to an
Albertan woman's work.

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(Lethbridge Herald).

Gertrude, Balmer Watt, better
known in Journalism as "Peggy," is
keeping Alberta before the public,
not with statistics and tales of
growth and expansion, but in
brilliantly penned sketches of life in
this glorious province. Her latest
effort, "Town and Trail," tells in her
fascinating way of the West as she
has found it, and the West doesn't
suffer. Mrs. Watt is an observant
woman, and can place her obser-
vations before the reader in a most
entrancing way. "Town and Trail"
typographically is a credit to the
Edmonton printer, the News Pub-
lishing Co. It is an evidence in fact
that the art of typography has
wonderfully advanced in the Last
Great West. The cover of the book
could not have been improved upon,
the design being most artistic and
strikingly appropriate.

(Toronto Star.)

Gertrude Balmer Watt discusses
among other things "what to give
him." It is Christmastide, and
somebody wants to know an ap-
propriate gift for a husband, "Verily
not a volume of Browning," thinks
the Canadian author, the wife, by
the way, of a former newspaper
man of Brantford and Woodstock.
She would suggest rather, a copy
of some of the "Penny" in which he
would more likely be interested,
Kipling's or Thomson-Seton's, for
instance. But she sums it all up
with this gem of Yuletide wisdom:
"Get him, at any rate, something
you know he fancies, not something
you fancy he ought to fancy."

"Town and Trail" is the title of the
booklet from which these quotations
are taken. This little volume, from
the press of the Edmonton (Alberta)
News, is calculated to do much good
as a sane and practical comment
upon real western life. The
sketches have mostly appeared in the
Saturday News, and are written in
the chatty conversational style
characteristic of the "special
column" of newspaperdom. The
authorship might quote Service less
than she does and lose nothing, and
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The Mirror

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Again if it were not for one's old friends some of us would be sadly concealed creatures. But there is something in the nature of a tonic in the confidential remark that there are quite a number of people who don't care for your style of writing, who think of you as a poser, and the general sum and substance of your work sadly over-rated.

But the same frankness that confides the above very often will put up a good sharp fight for you and your much-abused method of expressing yourself if needs be.

And so I am a bit diffident of being in too great a haste to have done with the things I know, and that know me—well, even an old Year.

Wise and philosophical Emerson says that we should "finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could, some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in, forget them as soon as you can. To-morrow is a new day. You should begin it well, and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense."

But alas, this is a more transcendent effort than is often possible to the ordinary human being. The yesterdays do not give up their close hold for our more bidding them to let us go and leave us free from their disabling touch. Our false judgments, our neglect of opportunities, our dire failures, how shall we be free of these?

Through long lives, in the midst of enviable and otherwise satisfying circumstances, the ghost of some long past yesterday will reappear, and we may not be done with it after this philosophic fashion. Unwelcome as the visitants may be they have their wholesome reason for their persistent appearances, and their vitality is not without profit, if we take them as danger signals and do not exalt them into unwholesome importance.

It is to-day, now, this hour, this minute, which really is ours, and all that we have to be sure of is this small pregnant bit of time. What we want is to make these flying hours stepping-stones to a fairer country where our lives shall be the nobler, for what we have learned.

The above article has been written piece-meal and may read like it. It can't, however, be made appear any more ridiculous than a dozen absurdities which crept into the one on "Christmas" in last week's issue.

That a bird should be "cackling" instead of "chattering" as it reposes on the dinner platter, is only one of the concerted holiday jests of the compositor and proof-reader. I personally never had the originality to dream of suggesting it. However, Christmas was ever a Jonah day with me so far as my work has gone; what's done cannot be undone, and there's an end o' it.

Among the gifts the jolly Saint left this Christmas-tide, are two I appreciate more than I can express. One a book of original verses—and such verse—by J. W. Foley, a regular twin brother to Whitcomb Riley, and Riley of either of them honored by the company—and "Three Wishes" from Isabel Eccles-tone Mackay. Of these I need add no word of praise, they speak for themselves. Will you accept these wishes to me, as mine to you this happy New Year. I can ask for none better.

"Three things I covet for you friend,
Hope when the dawn is grey,
Faith when the tide of moon is strong
And Love at close of day.

Three things to make your life complete
Love making glad the dawn,
Hope beaming hazy a mid-day glare,
Faith when the glow is gone.
Three things—and all the rest may go—
Faith when the dew lies deep,
Love when the pulse of life beats high,
And Hope to sweeten sleep.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The purgator of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and cry
A Stander-By

Of course you went to the Girls' Hockey Match on Christmas Eve, if you didn't you missed it. I arrived late myself, but not too late to see some very good fun.

In the beginning, I state it quite

frankly, I don't know a "wing" from an "off-side". Hockey to me is summed up in wild and woolly rushes after a little spinning black disc, hitting the other fellow harder up against the fence than he has the good fortune to hit you, a sudden fall, wriggling man stretched out with a cramp in his leg, someone every now and then being nocked into a chicken coop, the ringing of a cow-bell, procession of teams up to their dressing rooms with some hot sports trailing in the rear, caps pulled low over one eye, I believe the lower you pull your cap the hotter a sport you are. Time called and at it again. I like it, though, that is with the exception of the wriggling man. That part of the game gives me the colly-wobbles.

Now the girls' match differed in quite a few particulars. It was "Girls versus the Ladies" you know, the Ladies having the regulation ladies' outfit, mostly that is—be-cause they didn't get a lot of like ladies, and the crowd told them as much.

The Girls on the other hand looked smart and ready for business. White monogrammed sweaters and toques, with jaunty short dark skirts. But the Ladies were a sight. Skirts some short, some long, none of them jaunty, and as some remarked really too abbreviated in one instance I'm not mentioning names, but the Police Magistrate ought to look into the thing.

The same party having frequently retired to the fence to have his shirt-waist set to rights, and her skirt pinned tighter. But some of them did wear lovely bonnets. One young thing in a most becoming claret-colored skirt and a ducky shirt-waist had the sauciest little pale blue eyes I believe.

The lady is noted for her Bredin, I think the shape of the hat is called Happy Hooligan, but I am not sure. But it was becoming, the lady having fair hair, blue eyes, most distraction, and the loveliest long lashes.

Miss Robinson too was a heart-wrecker. Her skirt and waist I do remember, but her belt was palest pink arranged so nicely at the waist-line—and she did have a heart-wrecker, but that was before her fall. Then, bonnet one way—very another, what an exposure was that my contemporary women of all our aids and toilet-table mysteries! One satisfaction we had, however, most of us had whispered we knew she wasn't real anyway.

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Of Miss Campbell too much can't be said. What she lost in skirt length, she made up in hat-breadth. A cow-bite, and it please you, withed in pink roses, and with skittish pink strings. And then the saucy, piquant little face beneath. I heard one boy whisper he thought her "perfectly immense." Red stockings though, between ourselves I do not like, with pink accoutrements, and I don't care if Miss Campbell hears I said so.

As to the play. There's the thing—only I didn't know anything about it. I believe the Girls' butted the boys—ladies I mean, as well as they could, they beat them anyway, and some of them skated really very well and fast, and I am sure took and gave their knocks like gentlemen.

Of the Ladies game not so much can be said. As the crowd expressed it so of their moves were "rotten."

Why, one lady who knocked a Girl down put her arm around her and helped her up, and asked "Are you all right, dear?"

Of course She was sent to the chicken-coop for it amid a storm of jeers.

And then they would smoke cigarettes in between "halves" imagine any lady so far forgetting herself! Another thing I didn't like was seeing a female grabbed by the skirts and upset. A la souffrette, into the coop, but as the banners posted on the "coop" proclaimed "votes for women" in flaming letters, I suppose they were prepared to take their medicine.

It was a great game. The referee was knocked down, that nice Mr. Burley, in quite the usual approved fashion. The Girls whispered "brutes" when jostled against the fence in quite their wonted way, and the band played on.

The Ladies Representative has the following: "Mr. J. H. McLean, manager of the Merchants' Bank, will leave on the 31st inst. for

Woodstock, Ont., where he will be married to Miss Nesbit of that city. After a trip to Montreal and Quebec Mr. and Mrs. McLean will return to London and make their home in the new cottage being erected on Telford street by J. F. Stiles."

On Monday evening the new Brunswickers were at home to the other members of the Maritime Club at Norwood Hall. A distinguished New Brunswicker, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, delivered the speech of the evening, and an enjoyable musical programme followed.

Christmas Day was a day of bountiful hospitality and good cheer in nearly every home in Edmonton. Socially it passed amid a merry whirl of dinners and trees and pleasant evening gatherings, nearly every family having at least one guest at the festive board. Among those Mr. and Mrs. Swaisland, Mr. and Mrs. Mowat Biggar, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowker.

The day before Christmas Mrs. Cautley of "Belton Lodge" had a children's party, for her little daughter, Eleanor, when a number of dear wee girls and boys were present and the party was the loveliest kind of a party until the Christmas tree with all its pretty gifts went up in smoke, causing the little guests the greatest possible alarm to say nothing of their various mamas. However, each fond mother captured her own small kiddie, the fire was soon contrived and high tea was served in the library without, however, a dear generous Santa presiding.

Mrs. Buleya is giving a girls' luncheon of fourteen covers in honor of her sister, Miss Babbitt, on Tuesday next at Government House.

Mrs. Cautley and her daughter, Eleanor, and Mrs. Mowat Biggar, left for Toronto on Tuesday, where they will remain until probably early in March, at least.

Capt. Mackie of Calgary, accompanied by Mrs. Mackie, arrived in Edmonton on Monday. Capt. Mackie being here to take charge of the school of instruction for the new regiment, recently organized. It is supposed the school will last for six weeks or more.

Mrs. Braithwaite was the hostess of a jolly young girls' tea on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower Campbell are aving a party on New Year's Eve.

Owing to our going to press a day earlier on account of the holiday, I have been obliged to hold over the account of Mrs. Nightingale's tea, which took place on Wednesday afternoon, and was an unusually enjoyable one.

Mrs. St. George Jellatt was one of Christmas night's hostesses, entertaining at a merry informal dance.

Miss Mary Campbell of Seventh street is entertaining at a New Year's party.

Miss Bellamy and Miss Forin entertained a number of the Skating Club at their several homes after the Club on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Featherstonhaugh spent Christmas in Lacombe the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McKinty.

I have to acknowledge an invitation from the St. George's Society, to their first annual ball, which takes place in the Separate School hall on Friday evening January 8th, dancing to commence at 9 o'clock.

Dr. V. C. Mulvey is the Honorary Secretary and tickets may be obtained from any of the invitation committee, whose names follow: A. W. Chaffin, chairman, V. C. Mulvey, H. E. Soper, F. A. Whitley, E. Chamberlain, W. D. Thomas, H. Stutchbury, Harold Brunton.

I see that Mr. Lagourgue and Mr. Darimont are forming a class for the study of accompaniment with the object of the pupils giving their own recitals.

Mr. Arthur Belcher of Lacombe spent Christmas at the parental home on Seventh street. On Saturday his sisters had a dance in his honor, when the fine rooms looked very gay and festive with an abundance of holly and mistletoe, to say

nothing of a host of exquisite narcissus which lovely bloom were disposed in every available nook and corner.

Mrs. Belcher received the guests in a handsome mauve gown, Miss Addie was wearing a stunning cream lace robe, and Miss Jessie, cream net with pretty touches of pale blue. Mrs. Nesbit of Neepawa, Man., the married daughter of the house, wore a gown of dainty white organdie, trimmed with Val lace and insertion. About forty guests were present, among whom were noticed: Miss Babbitt looking very attractive in a rich empire gown of pink striped liberty silk with lovely real lace garniture; Miss Webster in a beautifully fitting frock of soft old rose, with rich Persian trimming. Her sister most becomingly gowned in cream net; Mrs. Keay of Fernie in handsome blue satin with accordion pleated under petticoat; Miss Henderson in exquisite white broad-laced satin; Miss Elsie Graves in pale yellow taffeta, with cream lace and chiffon garniture; Miss Bessie Scott in a girlish frock of pretty mauve; Miss Marjorie Brown looking particularly well in a cream lace robe with pink roses; Miss Alanson in pale blue silk with pink roses in her hair; Miss Cameron in white silk; Miss Jessie Potter in dainty pink embroidered mull, and Miss Barker, one of the belles of the dance, in fashionable black net.

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